

Who Will Pick Up Billy Graham's Intercessory Prayer Mantle?

James 5:16 (AMPC) tells us, "The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." Graham's prayers were heartfelt, continued and powerful. He understood the power of prayer.

Cliff Barrows, a long-time musician and program director for Graham's ministry—once said, "When Billy Graham was asked about the most important steps in preparing for an evangelistic outreach, he always answered that there were three things that mattered most: Prayer, prayer and prayer."

Consider what the man of God had to say about prayer I discovered through the Billy Graham Library.

"In the morning, prayer is the key that opens to us the treasures of God's mercies and blessings; in the evening, it is the key that shuts us up under His protection and safeguard."

"True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency. Make it a habit, and when the need arises you will be in practice."

"Have you ever said, 'Well, all we can do now is pray'? ... When we come to the end of ourselves, we come to the beginning of God."

"We are to pray in times of adversity, lest we become faithless and unbelieving. We are to pray in times of prosperity, lest we become boastful and proud. We are to pray in times of danger, lest we become fearful and doubting. We

are to pray in times of security, lest we become self-sufficient.”

“This should be the motto of every follower of Jesus Christ. No matter how dark and hopeless a situation might seem, never stop praying.”

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